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SUBJ: SOVIET TREATMENT OF ME

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1. SUMMARY: FOR FIRST TIME SINCE OUTBREAK OF
CRISIS, ME NEWS YIELDED LEAD COVERAGE ON
INTERNATIONAL PAGES IN PRAVDA TO OTHER ITEMS.
REPORT ON SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE MAKES NO REFERENCE
TO HIS REJECTION OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. END OF
U.S. ALERT IS REPORTED, BUT U.S. IS CRITICIZED FOR
FLEET MOVEMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN. SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN
COMMUNIQUE REPEATS CALLS FOR TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
AS CONDITION OF ME SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. TASS COVERAGE OF SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE (PRAVDA)
REPORTS EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT HE ACCEPTED
SC RES. 338 BECAUSE IT CALLED FOR CEASE-FIRE ON LINES
OF OCTOBER 22 AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES.
242. ITEM OMITS ANY MENTION OF SADAT'S REJECTION OF

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DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. SADAT QUOTED AS SAYING THAT

USSR IS MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS; THAT U.S., DESPITE ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, HAS TAKEN CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION ON ME PEACE; AND THAT EGYPT AWAITING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DISCUSS ME PROBLEMS. ITEM CONCLUDES WITH SADAT'S PLEDGE TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF SC RES. 242 AND HIS WARNING THAT EGYPT WILL TAKE MEASURES IF THIRD ARMY IS THREATENED.

3. ON U.S. PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ITEM REPORTING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. HAS ENDED ALERT, BUT NOTES SIXTH FLEET REMAINS IN STATE OF READINESS. ITEM ADDS GRATUITOUSLY THAT ALERT LACKED ALL BASIS AND PROVOKED WORLDWIDE INDIGNATION. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES TASS REPORT OF TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AND INDIAN AND MALAGASY PRESS COMMENT CRITICIZING PRESENCE OF U.S. CARRIER TASK GROUP IN INDIAN OCEAN (REFTEL. NO MENTION OF MEIR VISIT TO U.S.)

4. ME SECTION IN SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING HAILE SELASSIE VISIT STATES THAT BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT ME CEASE-FIRE, PLEDGED ASSISTANCE IN REACHING ME SETTLEMENT, AND AFFIRMED AGAIN (REPEATING LANGUAGE OF MAY 1970 COMMUNIQUE BE CONDITIONED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED LANDS AND GUARANTEE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

5. PRAVDA COMMENTARY (V. OZEROV), NOTING THAT 24 AFRICAN STATES HAVE NOW BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, REHASHES THEME OF ISRAELI ISOLATION AND CONCLUDES THAT ANTI-ISRAELI MOOD IS GROWING STRONGER IN EUROPE.
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